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SCH. NORMA IN AT NEW YORK

The seiners have been doing but little the past few days out south, the fare reported today being sch. Norma, Capt. John A. McKinnon, who arrived at New York yesterday afternoon with 2500 medium fresh mack-

A despatch to the Times from New York this morning states that 175 barrels of fresh bloater mackerel were received from Chincoteague and Cape

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RECORD CARGO OF LOBSTERS.

Boston Expects This Species Will Reach Lowest Price.

The closing of the European market for luxuries almost put a stop to the lobster industry at Yarmouth with the result that increased shipments have been made to Boston within the past few months. Yesterday the steamer Boston of the Eastern Steamship Corporation brought in the largest consignment of lobsters ever received in this port. The vessel carried 1795 cases filled with green, squirming lobsters that will soon grace the cafe and hotel tables of Greater Boston. All told there were 214,375 lobsters on the steamer. As the great lobster industry of the north coast must seek an outlet, officers of the steamer predict that the product will sell at a lower price in Boston than ever before.

Saving the Fish.

One of the many interesting activities of the bureau of fisheries is the rescue of fishes from the temporary pens and pools formed when the Mississippi river and its tributaries subside after the annual freshets. During the fiscal year 1914 about two million hundred thousand fish of all species were saved, this number being about three times the collection of the previous year. All of these fishes would have perished from the drying and freezing of the ponds. Most of them were returned to the main streams, thus aiding in keeping them stocked with this valuable article of food which increases in value with every rise in the price of beef, pork and mutton.

Dominion Ice Reports.

As telegraphed by the Superintendent Signal Service, Quebec, to the Halifax Board of Trade: Heath Point—Dense fog east. Cape Traverse—No change. Scatarie—Heavy, open ice everywhere. Point Tupper—Strait full of ice. Grindstone—Heavy ice north and south. Byron Island and Pleasant Bay—Clear of ice. Flat Point—Heavy, open ice, stationary. Cape Race—Icebergs east, south and west.

FIVE VESSELS DOWN FROM HUB

All Have Fish for the Splitters—Gill Netters Landings Was Light.

Five more fares of fresh fish are down from Boston to split. They are schs. Mary P. Goulart, 90,000 pounds; Mary F. Sears, 50,000 pounds; Mary E. Sennett, 10,000 pounds; Richard, 25,000 pounds; Eva and Mildred 20,000 pounds. Receipts from yesterday's gill netters totalled about 25,000 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.
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Sch. Mary E. Sennett, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Richard, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Eva and Mildred via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Ethel, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Quartette, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Julia May, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Bessie A., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. W. H. Moody, via Boston.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Georgianna, shore.
Vessey's Sailed.
Sch. Georgianna, halibuting.
Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.
Sch. Rose Standish, haddocking.
Sch. Gov. Russell, dory handlining.
Sch. Atalanta, flitching.

TWO NETTERS LANDED TRIPS

The first netting fares to be landed by the local fleet were brought in at Lewes, Delaware, yesterday. The Cruiser had eight barrels and the Lafayette, six barrels, which were shipped to New York.

WAR AND THE BRITISH BEAM TRAWLERS

Dogger Bank May Soon Come Into Its Own Again.

If a fish could laugh, the fish in the North Sea must be grinning right down to their fins. For years this stretch of ocean has provided a living for thousands, and food for millions, and now it is safe to say that the only things that are fished for are mines. Just think of the jolly time the fish must be having—spawning and rearing large families, and quite undisturbed on their feeding grounds by the menace of steam trawlers.

In August we tried to conduct business as usual, but after we had pulled up two or three mines and sacrificed our gear to get rid of them as quickly as possible, and after two or three of my steam trawlers had been blown to glory with every human being on board, we gave up trying to gather the Harvest of the North Sea. Now we don't fish east of Portland, and I have sent most of my boats to Plymouth, not that they are of much use there, but because I feel they may as well be trying to do something.

People think that because the price of fish is so high that we must be making money much the same as usual. But that is where they make their mistake. Above a certain price the wholesaler cannot look for his usual percentage of profit, and so this enhanced price does not profit us.

And I don't see how things are going to improve after the war. Now there are too few fish; when peace is declared there will be too many. The North Sea will be thick with them—the hauls will be so tremendous that they won't be worth putting on the market—and I shouldn't even be surprised if the Dogger Bank comes into its own again.

I don't suppose many landmen have heard of the Silver Hole. It's a place in the bed of the ocean on the Dogger Bank. In the olden days it used to be full from top to bottom with fish, and many's the fortune that has been made there. The steam trawlers killed it, of course—as they killed the Dogger Bank altogether—by tearing up the mud in which the fish deposited their spawn, and so preventing the

propagation of their kind. If the war goes on for another 12 months this fishing ground will come into its own again, and the first trawler to strike the Silver Hole will, I expect, find it as rich a seam as it was in the old days.

Then there are the Goodwins. For hundreds of years French and English fishermen made a living there. Fish are funny things—nobody understands them—not even those who have studied them all their lives. For nine months out of the year there is not a fish to be seen there—I mean in the sense that the master of a trawler understands fish. And then, six weeks before Christmas, and for six weeks after they absolutely swarm.

They come to feed, of course. But why they should select the Christmas season in particular nobody has ever been able to discover. But there it is. Old fishermen say that you can set a calendar by them. What must they be doing this year—just feeding and rearing large families, and enjoying themselves as if there has never been such a thing as a trawler in the world.

For the moment the only safe place to fish in on the eastern side is off Iceland, but to get there you have to run through several mine fields, and many owners of steam trawlers don't care about asking their hands to run the risk. Now that the Atlantic is clear of German raiders, I am going to try my luck in the one fishing ground that is left to us—that is off the coast of Morocco.

Perhaps my boats will be able to make good there the losses they have suffered in the North Sea. But at present the outlook is gloomy—with not enough fish now, and the prospect of too many fish after the war is over.

I don't think business will be as usual, in the catching and selling of fish, for many a long day.—Pearsons.

FIRST VESSELS AT MAGDALENS

Advices from Magdalen Islands Tuesday announced that the first vessels of the season had arrived there on the previous day. Three fishing vessels are reported to have made harbor there for bait.

Dominion Bait Reports.

Souris, P. E. I., April 27.—Murray Harbor, East Point, Morrell and Souris reports heavy close packed ice. No lobster gear out. No herring. Queensport, April 27.—Herring scarce today. No ice. Amherst Harbor, M. I., April 27.—herring caught in net at Grindstone last night. Herring expected any moment.

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FEWER FARES- BETTER PRICES

FISHERMEN ARE VERY SCARCE NOW

CRAFT WAS OUT ONLY 17 DAYS

SEINERS ARE UP AGAINST FO

**But at That Trade is Not
Lively at Boston Fish
Marts.**

There was but little change in the trade situation at the Boston fish marts this morning. At the new pier, three trips were reported as arriving since yesterday, while there were no fares at T wharf. The largest trip in was that of sch. Robert and Arthur which hailed for 53,000 pounds mixed fish.

Prices were a little better than yesterday, wholesale dealers offering for haddock, \$2.50 for large and \$2 for medium cod, \$1.25 to \$2 for hake and \$1.50 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH PIER.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 8000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 7000 hake, 15,000 cusk 3000 pollock.

Sch. Advance, 1000 haddock, 2200 cod 11,000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Marion, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$5.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.25 to \$2; pollock, \$1.50.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.60; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Peak cod, \$1.80 for large; medium, \$1.40.

Hake, \$1.

Cusk, large, \$1.50; medium, \$1.10; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.

Fresh halibut 11c per lb. for white, 8c for gray.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl. for bait, \$2 to freeze.

Bait Reports.

Queensport, April 28—Herring are scarce today. No ice.

Amherst Harbor, M. I., April 28—Ice getting loose. Pleasant Bay clear. No bait yet. Expect it every day.

Souris, P. E. I., April 28—Ice conditions unchanged. Heavy drift ice everywhere. Weather clear and foggy.

**Dozen of Finest Kind of
Crafts Hung Up Here for
Lack of Crews.**

Vessel owners and skippers are complaining of the scarcity of fishermen just about now, when there is an urgent need for crews. At the present time, there are some 10 or 12 crafts, hung up from sailing, because a full compliment of crews cannot be obtained. The crafts are the very finest in the local fleet, and all are ready for the best paying kind of trips, some for Cape North and others halibuting.

Conditions are due in a great measure it is believed to the fact that many of the fishermen intending to come from Nova Scotia earlier, feared there would not be "sights" for all, so have stayed at home. Just about now men are needed quite badly and there is no doubt that when they learn of the fine chances, a number will come over.

More Sealers Home.

Nine out of 14 steamers engaged in the seal fisheries, have returned to St. John's, N. F., and hail for only 33,000 pelts, which is less than the catch of a single one of the larger steamers of the sealing fleet in ordinary years.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Jorgina was at Shelburne, Tuesday, and cleared.

Schs. Lillian and Leonora, Silveria were at Liverpool on the same day and cleared.

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Norway Union Heavy Loser.

The Norway Fishermen's Union has been a heavy loser on mackerel this year, the Fishing Gazette Says. "Things have fell flat," as one New York factor has put it. The union is a victim of natural and unnatural handicaps—and the European conflict is, of course, one of the unnatural handicaps. It is also true that the Fishermen's Union of Norway has not agreed in policies and prices with New York factors. There has been friction and dissensions that were mutually unprofitable. Some shrewd judges of the market predict a jump skyward in prices around June or July. Then fat and fancy mackerel will be in demand. There will be nothing but thin fish from the producers until the November of 1916. Some expect that mackerel will go up \$3 a barrel. But circumstances aplenty may crop up to entirely upset such forecasts.

**Capt. Frank Stream Home
Today With 20,000 Lbs.
of Halibut.**

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Capt. Frank Stream, is the only off-shore arrival here today. The Stream, 17 days out, has a 20,000 pound fare of fresh halibut, 30,000 pounds fresh cod and 3000 pounds salt cod. The American Halibut were the purchasers of the halibut paying 12 cents a pound for white and nine cents for gray.

Most of the gill netters were obliged to return yesterday on account of the wind and fog outside. Only a few lifted, these having small fares.

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Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Georges, 20,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 30,000 pounds fresh fish 3000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Margaret, halibuting.

Sch. Agnes, halibuting.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, haddocking.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, haddocking.

Sch. James W. Parker, Cape North shacking.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, drifting.

Sch. Ruth, Boston.

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No news of importance was received from the seiners today and supposed that the fleet are having weather to the southward.

The netting fares of the Cruiser Lafayette, the first this season, was taken off Cape Henlopen Thursday night. A dispatch says there was dense fog and the fish are moving north.

The mackerel fleet landed 33 fresh mackerel for the week end yesterday, mostly large fish taken in nets and traps. The corresponding week last year, the catch was 37 fish, mostly mediums taken by seiners.

Salt Mackerel Demand Quiet.

Said a leading Boston authority few days ago: "The demand for mackerel is quiet, and not much improvement is expected until the arrival of new fish. Prices are unchanged and receipts are very light."

The mackerel fleet now in commission is the one factor that can contribute a little life to the domestic mackerel market. So far as reserve stock of last season are concerned, can only be said that they certainly are not visible. What limited supply there are are not being depleted by any noticeable demand. Foreign and domestic mackerel seem to be like the proverbial babes in the woods. They are both lost in the wilderness of commercial inactivity. The domestic variety is far worse off than the foreign specie. Some salt merchants have almost learned to forget that there was such a thing as domestic mackerel; so if this commodity is going to worm in and earn some prestige that the foreign product enjoys, it is time to assert itself. European wars of the nations have yet seriously interfered with mackerel fishing in Norway; so from there, at least, there will be a plentiful supply of mackerel, if Norway is not drawn into the conflict, and if mined seas not interfere with the fishing in Scandinavian waters. Therefore domestic mackerel may not get a selling advantage over Norway mackerel because of the war.—Fishing Gazette.

First Report of the Whalers.

The first reports of the catch of the Atlantic fleet of whalers reached Provincetown last week from Dominick. Five whalers have been reported in Dominick to ship their oil home. Sch. Richard W. Clark. The Clark made the passage from New Bedford to Dominick in 13 days. The following New Bedford whalers are reported with their catches: Bark Wander Edwards, 1000 barrels sperm oil; Viola, Reed, 750 barrels sperm oil; Bark Greyhound, Carvelho, 550 barrels sperm oil; sch. Arthur V. S. Woods, Louis, 500 barrels sperm oil; Bertha D. Nickerson, Joseph, 450 barrels sperm oil.